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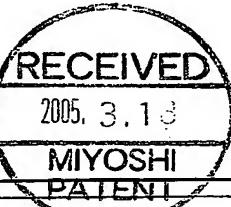
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<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:

pages _____ 1-6 _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____ 7 _____, filed with the letter of 23 June 2004 (23.06.2004)

 the claims:

pages _____ 6, 13 _____, as originally filed

pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19)

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____ 1, 5, 8, 12 _____, filed with the letter of 23 June 2004 (23.06.2004)

 the drawings:

pages _____ 1/5-5/5 _____, as originally filed

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 the sequence listing part of the description:

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP03/07823

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP, 2000-56696, A (Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.), 25 February, 2000 (25.02.00), full text, all drawings (Family: none)

Document 2: JP, 2001-320193, A (Bridgestone Corp.), 16 November, 2001 (16.11.01), full text, all drawings (Family: none)

Document 3: JP, 11-126024, A (Dainippon Printing Co., Ltd.), 11 May, 1999 (11.05.99), full text, all drawings (Family: none)

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 12 and 13

Document 1 describes an optical filter disposed on the front face of a display with a technology wherein the said optical filter has a layer having the function of converting incident outside light to circularly polarized light and also controlling the transmission of circularly polarized light reflected from the display side.

As a display system, the plasma display was a well-known technology, e.g., as described in documents 2 and 3, so there would be no difficulty in applying the technology described in document 1 to the plasma displays described in documents 2 and 3.

The technology of an electromagnetic shield layer provided in an optical filter used in displays is a well-known and commonly used technology.

The subject matters of claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 12 and 13 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of the combination of documents 1, 2 and 3.